

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 81.

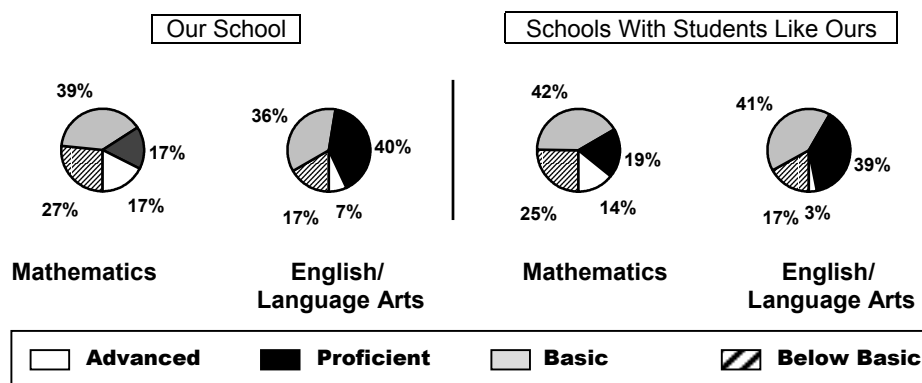
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=143)	83.2	73.4	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=18)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=125)	92	80		
Gender				
Male (n=68)	76.5	72.1		
Female (n=75)	89.3	74.7		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=30)	66.7	56.7		
Hispanic (n=6)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=104)	86.5	78.8		
Other (n=3)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=47)	74.5	63.8		
Pay for lunch (n=96)	87.5	78.1		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$7,245	N/A	\$5,227	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	90.2%	Down from 91.3%	90.2%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	N/A	N/A	19.2 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=299)				
• Attendance Rate	97%	Down from 97.2%	96.2%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	0%	N/A	2.9%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	0%	N/A	2%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	85.4%	Up from 80%	96%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	2.9%	Down from 3.7%	2.9%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=30)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.2 Days	Down from 7.4	7.9 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	94.3%	Down from 95.4%	95.4%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	63.3%	Down from 69%	51%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	86.7%	Down from 89.7%	86.2%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	92.9%	Down from 94.3%	88.7%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$43,503	Up 4.2%	\$38,559	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	66.1%	N/A	65.1%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	2	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	96.3%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	34.3%	Up from 21.6%	36.6%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	N/A	N/A	0.9%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	1	N/A	0	1
• Gifted and talented	20.8%	Up from 16.6%	16.1%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	8.9%	Up from 6.6%	8.1%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The mission of Northside Elementary School, in partnership with home and community, is to challenge every child to be a Learner for Life. It is this team approach that makes Northside such an inviting, warm, safe and nurturing place. It is a school of high expectations that wishes the very best for every child. Northside Elementary is a community of 349 students, which includes a four-year-old program through grades five. There is an even split between male and female students and a variety of cultural backgrounds represented. Our free and reduced lunch count has averaged around 33% over the past four years. Our class size in grades 1-3 has averaged 18 and in grades 4 and 5 the average is 22. Students and staff here at Northside have the privilege of being in a building that was completely renovated within the past 5 years. The media center has an open format and averages 29,000 books checked out each year. A fine arts program offers many opportunities for our students and the physical education program has maintained model status. Speech, Reading Recovery, English as a Second Language, a Preschool Intervention Program, a Hearing Impaired class and Resource classes all aid in the development of children needing additional assistance. Northside Elementary offers a comprehensive guidance program with a variety of programs to enhance each child's personal well being. A gifted and talented class serves students who score at the state identified level and all students in grades 3-5 have an opportunity to research and present projects that are of interest. The staff of Northside also does a terrific job in handling day to day clerical needs, keeping the school looking clean and attractive and preparing a breakfast and lunch program. It is this well rounded approach and quality daily instruction that has made test scores of Northside students consistently higher than the district and state averages. There is still a yearly analysis of these scores to continually seek ways to improve upon our daily instruction and support programs. Through the commitment of the Northside staff, it is our goal to meet each child's needs and make them Learners for Life.

Geoff Smith

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	90.6	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	94.3	
Satisfied with home-school relations	100.0	94.3	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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710 N. Townville Street
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Grades PK-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 299 Students

Principal

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001



School Grade:
Good

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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